



ALBERTA
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Edmonton-Glenora*

April 30, 2012

Mr. Jeffrey Yang
Director
Falun Dafa Association of Calgary



Dear Mr. Yang:

I am writing in response to your April 13, 2012 letter and subsequent media release relating to the Shen Yun Performing Arts Show at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on April 8 and 9, 2012. Premier Redford received your letter of April 16th, 2012, and has requested that as Minister of Culture and Community Services responsible for the Jubilee Auditoria, I respond on her behalf.

The Jubilee Auditoria in Edmonton and Calgary have an outstanding reputation and have featured some of the best provincial, national and international artists for over 55 years. Given this standard of excellence, I was very concerned about the issues raised in your letter. Another concern I have was the approach taken towards resolving this issue. As Minister of Culture and Community Services, I prefer to deal with these types of issues swiftly and in the most appropriate manner to keep Alberta's cultural sector's best interest in mind. In this specific situation, I feel that by not contacting the manager of the Jubilee Auditoria directly to address the issues, nor giving me the opportunity to respond to your letter directly before sharing information through the media and to elected representatives, we may have missed an opportunity to resolve these issues efficiently and effectively.

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Following receipt of your letter, I took the opportunity to review the communications between my department and your organization dating back to 2010. Regrettably, it appears to me that the relationship has deteriorated to the point that I do not believe it can be resolved. The Shen Yun Performing Arts Show carries a tremendous reputation in our province, however I must request that you find other venues for future bookings, including your 2013 dates at the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria, which have now been released.

I wish you well in your future endeavours.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Klimchuk', with a stylized, flowing script.

Heather Klimchuk
Minister

cc: Honourable Alison M. Redford, QC
Premier

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